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Sir:

Applicants never received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application for the above-referenced patent application filed on February 27, 2004. Applicants contacted the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 3, 2005 and spoke with a representative in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (hereinafter, "OIPE representative"). The OIPE representative stated that the contractor overlooked the fact that an executed Declaration was not submitted with the filing of the above-referenced application. In addition, the OIPE representative stated that Applicants could wait until an Official Action was received before submitting the executed Declaration or Applicants could send the executed Declaration, and the executed Declaration would be forwarded to the correct group art unit. Thus, Applicants hereby enclose the executed Declaration and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 Missing Parts surcharge fee and any other fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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